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SUBJECT: ALLEGATION USG PLANS RECOGNIZE BOUGAINVILLE
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

REF: PORT MORESBY 766

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. YOU MAY REITERATE PRIVATELY TO GPNG OFFICIALS OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR PNG UNITY AS STATED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL. THIS REMAINS USG POLICY AS STATED IN PNG PARA. THE USG DOES NOT SUPPORT SECESSIONIST MOVEMENTS IN PNG AND HAS NO INTENTION OF RECOGNIZING A SEPARATE GOVERNMENT ON BOUGAINVILLE.

2. YOU SHOULD MAKE NO RPT NO PUBLIC STATEMENT ON SUBJECT OF UNITY UNTIL CONSUL GENERAL OLMSTED HAS RETURNED, HAS
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OBTAINED SOMARE'S VIEWS ON USEFULNESS OF PUBLIC EXPRESSION

OF US POSITION, AND HAS SOUGHT AND RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE DIRECTLY APPROACHED BY MEDIA AND FEEL THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO SCOTCH RUMORS THAT USG WOULD SUPPORT SECESSION OF BOUGAINVILLE, YOU MAY MAKE STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES ONLY:

QUOTE. THERE IS NO RPT NO TRUTH TO ALLEGATIONS THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS SECESSIONIST MOVEMENTS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA. THE UNITED STATES LOOKS FORWARD TO THE ENTRY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA INTO THE COMMUNITY OF INDEPENDENT NATIONS, AND TO A FRIENDLY AND PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. END QUOTE.

3. FOREGOING HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH CONSUL-GENERAL OLMSTED, WHO AGREES WITH THIS COURSE OF ACTION. SHE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT POLAD CINCPAC HAS REFTEL AND WILL CONTACT HER IN HONOLULU.

5. FOR POLAD CINCPAC. PLEASE CONVEY THIS MESSAGE TO CONSUL GENERAL OLMSTED IN HONOLULU.

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